

To Bridge the Channel.

People who have crossed the narrow strip of water separating England from France will be interested in a proposal for the erection of a permanent bridge across the English channel. The author of the plan is M. Thouvenot le Boul, a member of the technical committee of the French Channel Bridge Company, an old organization from which nothing has been heard for some years. The plans provided for the building of a bridge with the floor submerged about fifty feet below low-water mark.

Tracks will be laid on this bridge and upon them a tower-like structure will roll along with its top above the water. The tower will be operated by electricity. The plan is an amplification of the rolling bridge at St. Malo, France, which is, however, a much smaller affair. The tracks there are laid on the bottom of the harbor, which is about half a mile across. The proposed channel bridge would be about twenty-two miles in length and is estimated to cost \$70,000,000. It would take at least five years to build. With three rolling platforms working only in daylight an annual traffic of 8,000,000 tons of merchandise and 2,000,000 passengers could easily be handled, and the promoters figure that this traffic would yield a net income of \$10,000,000.

The platform proposed would be about 500 feet long and 50 feet wide, supported by five steel pillars on each side braced and resting on a submerged platform 100 feet wide. Steam engines and dynamos on the upper platform would supply the motive power and transmit it to the submerged wheels. The Engineering News, commenting on the proposed structure says that no particulars are given as to how the projectors would build and lay and maintain tracks on a structure fifty feet under water, or as to how any such structure would withstand the rough seas and strong currents of the channel.

Hopkinsville Produce Market.

Cash prices paid by Hopkinsville merchants:

Bacon—
Hams—country 8@10c
Shoulders 4 1/2 @ 5 1/2c
Sides 5@7c
Lard 6@7c

Country Produce—
Butter 15@17 1/2c
Eggs 8c
New feathers 28@35c
Beeswax 18@21c
Tallow 2 1/2c
Ginseng, per lb. \$2@2.25
Honey 10c
Tub washed wool 26c
Greased 13@18c

Poultry—
Y. chickens, live, per lb. 8c
Roosters 2c

Grain—
Clover, per bushel \$3
Corn 45c
Wheat 75c
Corn, shelled 50c

Live stock—
Hogs \$3@3.50
Sheep \$2.50@3.50
Cattle \$2.50@4
Calves \$3.50@4

Hides and Furs—
Green hides 6@7c
Green salted hides 7 1/2c
Dry flint 10@12c

Vegetables—
New potatoes, per bushel 60c
Cabbage, per head 2@6c

Watermelons—
Florida 35@50c

Flour, Retail—
Patent, per bbl. \$5.75
Standard, per bbl. \$5.50

Hay—
Clover, per cwt. 55c
Good Timothy 70c

Leiter's Troubles Multiplying.

Chicago, June 20.—More threatening clouds are gathering for Leiter. Since the announcement of Leiter's withdrawal from the deal, the price of cash wheat has declined 10 cents. That means an additional loss of \$1,000,000 within a week, which the elder Leiter apparently will have to pay.

Another source of evil to the Leiter prospects is the persistent rumor from across the water that foreigners are refusing the wheat Leiter sold.

An Incendiary Fire at Mayfield. Mayfield, Ky., June 21.—Fire yesterday morning destroyed \$15,000 worth of property on Broadway. The Mayfield Lumber Company lost \$14,000, with \$7,500 insurance. J. F. McAtee lost five small frame storerooms, worth \$1,000, with insurance of \$600.

THE IRON INDUSTRY.

Is at Present Very Active in Germany—Enormous Exports.

The iron industry is at this moment very active in Germany. It receives in particular numerous orders for economical railroads, bridges and the works of machines. The factories that construct electric apparatus are especially busy. It is true that certain manufactures, pipes, for example, have had such a development that they have not yet found markets for their entire production. On the other hand, the middle manufactures to-day buy their iron, steel and half-manufactured products at prices so high that they have great difficulty to work at a profit. A remedy for this condition is sought in agreements which aim to unify prices, regulate production, and distribute orders for export among all the manufacturers, both small and great. The persons interested have even gone so far as to devise the formation of a union of all the producers of iron and steel, which asks the producers of coal and ore to lend them support by making more unfavorable terms to manufacturers who refuse to enter into the syndicate. In 1896 Germany exported 1,615,000 tons of iron, or the equivalent of the total French production of both iron and steel.

Among modern industries if there is one which appears full of future and promise it is the one which busies itself with the applications of electricity. The Germans have stepped into line here with remarkable energy. They were wise enough to acquire, a few years ago, patents of inventions made in other countries and to make a series of applications of them. They have had especially the art of obtaining orders from all parts of the world; these have established the prosperity of their works and permitted them to give a prodigious development to their installations.

It is astonishing to see how a certain number of large houses or societies have, without making any essential discovery, profited by foreign discoveries and developed in 15 years an industry which is to-day cited throughout the world as a model.—Raphael-Georges Levy, in Chautauquan.

ENERGETIC ROYALTY.

As a Rule They Are Light Sleepers and Early Risers.

Queen Victoria never goes to bed till 12 o'clock and is awakened at seven in the morning, when some cocoa and biscuits are brought to her. During the day she does not, as many women half her age do, take a refreshing nap.

The prince of Wales is a notorious bad sleeper—insomnia being the only enemy to his well-being—and the princess of Wales, although she now allows herself an extra hour in the morning, made it a rule until her children were quite grown to be up and ready for the day's duties at nine o'clock. And this, although she never retired before two o'clock in the morning while at Marlborough house, for the princess made it a practice, as so little time was left her during the day, to write her letters "home to Denmark" after 12 o'clock at night, on her return from the great entertainments during the London season.

The emperor of Austria is another monarch who breakfasts with the lark, while the empress adopts much the same hours as does a hospital nurse, only allowing herself a short sleep from eleven o'clock at night until three in the morning, when she rises and insists on the members of her unfortunate suite doing the same, and immediately proceeds for long walks in the mountainous regions where she usually elects to stay.

The emperor and empress of Germany are the earliest risers of all European sovereigns, but with them it is a case of following out the rule of "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise," for, unless actually engaged at a court festivity, they retire to rest as early as ten o'clock. At five o'clock in the summer and six o'clock in the winter the emperor is up and about and the empress rises only a little later, that she may be ready herself to prepare her lord and master his first cup of coffee. The children of the imperial pair are brought up to follow their parents' example in this, as in every way.—Leisure Hours.

Improved War Bridges.

Russian Don Cossack regiments are being drilled in crossing rivers on a novel sort of improvised bridge. Seven or eight lances are passed between the handles and tops of a dozen cooking kettles and are held firmly in place by the handles, and are besides tied together by forage ropes. A dozen bundles of these lances fastened together form one section of a raft or floating bridge, which it has been found will support half a ton of weight. A section can be put together in 25 minutes.

To Supply London with Milk.

If only pure milk were sold in London, it is estimated that from 20,000 to 30,000 more cows would be wanted to keep up the supply.

CUBA IS GRATEFUL.

F. Estrada Palma, in Behalf of the People of the Island, Thanks Ours for Help.

Heretofore the Cubans, writes T. Estrada Palma, leader of the Cuban junta, to the Tammany Times, have appealed to the American people for recognition, with the humility natural to the weak and the oppressed when asking for favors, or even for justice. Now, though proud of our victory, and glorying in the attainment of our ideals, it is with still greater humility that we



T. ESTRADA PALMA.
(President of the Cuban Junta in the United States.)

thank the American people for their material aid, which will save the lives of thousands of our people, and give us a place in the family of nations.

Our triumph is the triumph of republican institutions as best expressed by the example of the United States.

"We are confident that the struggle will be brief. We pray that there may be no unnecessary American blood shed in behalf of our independence. We stand ready now more than ever to sacrifice ourselves to drive the Spaniards from our shores. As for the future, we will show by deeds, not words, how deep and abiding is our gratitude.

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Now that we have obtained our independence, we will prove to the world that we are worthy of that great boon.

NEW WORK FOR GIRLS.

Sandwich Woman Is the Latest Novelty to Be Seen on the Streets of London Town.

Sandwich girls are parading the streets of London just now in the sweet cause of advertisement. They are not particularly poetic or pleasant additions to the sights of this vast London town, and, in fact, they seem to me to emphasize a good deal of the squalor and misery that is always apparent in the most fashionable and crowded of thoroughfares. You wonder to what straits these girls must have been



SANDWICH GIRLS.
(Scores of Them Are Now Parading the Streets of London.)

brought before they consented to make themselves the subject of the gibes and the jeers of passers-by as they wander along muddy streets, clad in their long, shapeless blue gowns, with their little sugar loaf hats and their pathetic symbols of office planked remorselessly on breast and back. They are pretty, some of these girls, and brazen, a great many of them, but the thoughtful spectator must wonder if ever these women will turn into the wretched shambling, hopeless beings who are the masculine equivalent for the perambulating advertisement.

The sandwich men of London, it is well known, can only be recruited from almost the very scum of the earth, or, as in many cases, from that pitifully numerous class of irretrievably ruined "gentlemen" who have sunk so far that they are willing to shamble hopelessly under the weight of advertisement boards through long, dreary hours at the payment of nine pence or a shilling a day. Surely this ought to be one of the forms of labor in which the "upward and onward" spirit of the modern woman with her thirst for equality should not penetrate.

Plants Used in Commerce.

It is said that 200 species of plants are gathered and used for commercial purposes in Europe. Of these 420 have a perfume that is pleasing and enter largely into the manufacture of soaps and soaps.

Rich College Fraternities.

The property owned by fraternities at Cornell is valued at \$475,000; at Williams, \$350,000; Yale, \$300,000; Amherst, \$200,000; Wesleyan, \$125,000; Harvard, \$125,000.

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